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Mr. Roberto Rodriguez
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SUBJ: Syngenta Seed, LLC – Case referral letter

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

After alerting your office of the high level episode concerning a pesticide exposure incident affecting workers at Syngenta Hawaii, LLC on Kauai on January 20, 2016 we conducted our initial investigation and sent to you updates of our findings.

Subsequently, in consultation with your office on February 26, 2016, we decided to refer this case to EPA for review and appropriate enforcement action as there were suspected violations of the federal Worker Protection Standard found.

A compact disc of documents from this phase of the investigation is being sent to your enforcement office for review and information from the requested follow-up for-cause investigation will also be sent upon its completion.

If you have any questions regarding the initial investigation, please contact me at (808) 973-9404.

Sincerely,


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